TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 870 – HB 1093

April 11, 2011

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004611): Authorizes the Emergency

Communications Board to grant exceptions and waivers of pre-employment requirements for emergency call takers and public dispatchers upon the request of a majority of the board of directors of an emergency communications district. Authorizes waivers for an entry level separation or honorable discharge from the military; for a criminal conviction of federal, state, or local law for misdemeanor offenses relating to force, violence, theft, dishonesty, gambling, liquor (including driving while intoxicated) but not involving domestic violence; for misdemeanor drug offenses; and for expunged misdemeanor criminal charges not involving domestic violence. Requires the requesting agency to provide a copy of the court's disposition or expungement order. Authorizes the Board to establish an advisory committee to hear exceptions and waiver requests and make recommendations to the Board and authorizes any party adversely affected to initiate a contested case under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- There will be a not significant number of requests for exceptions or waivers of preemployment requirements made to the Emergency Communications Board and a not significant number of contested cases brought before an administrative judge.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, no material costs will be generated by the provisions of this bill. Any cost incurred by the Emergency Communications Board to hear waiver requests will be negligible and can be accommodated within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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